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Dr. J. Lederberg
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Dear Doctor Lederberg:

At the request of the military services, the Division of Medical Sciences, NAS-NRC, has established the Armed Forces-NRC Committee on Bio-Astronautics under the Chairmanship of Dr. Otto H. Schmitt, Professor of Physics at the University of Minnesota. Its purpose is "to acquaint scientific investigators with the military requirements for establishing space as an operational medium for man; to consider and report upon military problems relating to manned space operations; to assist in providing scientists and military personnel with access to scientific and technical information pertaining to the bio-astronautical problems of life in space; to promote the exchange of research information on the bio-astronautical problems through such media as meetings, symposia, and forums; to stimulate research on all problems of life in space where deficiencies of knowledge warrant special effort; to further the science of bio-astronautics by encouraging the contribution of the many related fields of science; and to provide specific answers to specific problems posed by the Armed Forces."

This office is aware of your interest and contributions to the general field of bio-astronautics. We would appreciate, however, having more detailed information for our files. For this purpose a questionnaire is enclosed. It is hoped that you will be able to supply the needed information at an early date.

Sincerely yours,



Sam F. Seeley, M. D.
Acting Executive Secretary
Armed Forces-NRC Committee
on Bio-Astronautics

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